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## INDUSTRY URGED TO CLOSE THE LOOP ON PIG TRAVEL

From 1 February 2018, all state and territory governments will introduce mandatory reporting of all pig movements.

NLIS (Pork), known commonly as PigPass, links pigs to a property of origin using a Property Identification Code (PIC), registered pig identification (ear tags or tattoos), and pig movement documentation in the form of a National Vendor Declaration.

This move will bring NLIS (Pigs) in line with NLIS Cattle, which has been in place since 2004, and NLIS Sheep and Goats, which has been in place since 2006.

Deb Kerr, General Manager Policy, Australian Pork Limited says the introduction of mandatory reporting of all pig movements recognises the importance of a robust traceability system.

“Australia’s valuable pork export market, worth approximately \$136 million, relies on our herd remaining disease-free, so we need effective biosecurity measures in place to maintain consumer confidence in Australian pork.

“PigPass has been designed in partnership with industry to make it quick and easy to record pig movements,” Ms Kerr said.

Meat processors must ensure all pigs received have a completed PigPass and ‘close the loop’ on traceability by entering the originating sender’s serial number from PigPass online and completing all the required information.

As a legal declaration, PigPass includes critical information to ensure food safety and traceability. From 1 February 2018, processing any pigs that do not have a completed PigPass could result in a penalty notice.

Ms Kerr says PigPass will ensure that the transport of pigs meets traceability requirements for optimising any emergency disease outbreak response.

“We need effective biosecurity measures in place to maintain consumer confidence in our valuable export market.

“PigPass will help to quickly determine the source of a disease outbreak and notify pig owners to protect animals and most importantly, stop the spread of disease,” Ms Kerr said.

More information about PigPass can be found at [www.pigpass.com.au](http://www.pigpass.com.au) or by calling Australian Pork Limited on 1800 001 458.

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